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The world we fight for and the one many have died for is still alive, waiting to be loved and let you back into the family, but only if you are **ready to fight for it.**



ON THE COVER: The ALF raid the labs at the University of Iowa, freeing 401 animals, and destroying 4 labs, on November 18th, 2004

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Yes, I suppose I too am also a terrorist. But no American has the right to stand on a pedestal of privilege won through war, attrition and genocide and tell me or courageous people like the Earth and Animal Liberation Front that actions to defend the homeland, family and Earth which sustains us all is terrorism. I may have been born into the privilege I enjoy as an American, but it is my duty first as a human being, second as a Yoeme and thirdly as an American to fight tyranny wherever and whenever it is waged upon us. I have chosen to do that in a variety of ways, including but not limited to the use of fire.

Fire like the ones set by my fellow Yoemem in 1885, when in response to Mexican attempts to mine silver deposits in our sacred homeland, warriors captured 21 commercial ships on the Yaqui River and torched them. Fires like those lit by the Lakota chief Red Cloud and his warriors, who after winning the only unconditional surrender from the United States in the 1860's burned invading soldier forts to the ground. Fires like those which were lit by the Vandals who burned Rome, ending yet another tyrannical reign by humans who believed they could create a democracy through war and terror.

I am an arsonist. I was convicted of being one in 1992 when I set fire to 32 years of research accumulated by the mink farm industry at Michigan State University and I also admitted playing an integral part in burning down an experimental fur farm at Oregon State University and the empty Malecky Mink Farm in Oregon. One week later, I started another fire at the Northwest Fur-Breeders Co-op which caused half-a-million dollars in damage to the facility which supplies fur farms across the Northwest. I also admitted to breaking into the offices of a researcher designing state-of-the-art traps and poisons meant to kill tens of thousands of coyotes on public lands every year. Once inside, I set one incendiary device under his desk and another in his separate Predator Research Facility. Both of those fires resulted in significant damages.

Fire is a cleanser. For thousands of years, indigenous peoples have used fire to purify, not only ourselves, but any negative impact we humans may have created. In our sacred sweat lodges, which represent the womb of Mother Earth, stones made red hot by this powerful natural element reminds us that all life began with fire. And I'm not afraid to admit it; I love fire, be it around a campfire with friends or when it's consuming an empty fur farm, animal research laboratory or luxury McMansions on the homes of my animal relations.

After twenty years of personal experience and after studying the tactics of guerrilla warfare, I can see why our greatest strength as warriors against the destruction of the Earth is our ability to strike when our enemies least expect it, not with the tired predictable illusions of democracy that hypnotize even our own every four years.

I believe its time to shit or get off the pot as Captain Paul Watson says. Its time to abandon this violent world around us with its privileges of race, class, gender and species and join together with the rest of the world resisting corporate terrorism, be it on the streets of Fallujah or our own hometowns.

And like the many that have gone before me and the many yet to come, I remain grateful for the honor and privilege of being part of the resistance that keeps hope itself alive. I see it everyday, in the children, animals, plants and mountains around me. I saw it in those coyotes running free from their burning torture chamber at Utah State University and I saw it in November, as hundreds of Sandhill Cranes were directed by my friends and I away from the hunters' guns. The world we fight for and the one many have died for is still alive, waiting to be loved and let you back into the family, but only if you are ready to fight for it.

Purify yourselves my friends, our battles have just begun.



IT ALL ADDS UP

£ 01
[one penny]

How much pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithkline told Prime Minister Blair they will NOT invest in the UK until the animal rights threat is 'taken care of.'

\$10.49

THE PRICE OF A PAIR OF BOLT CUTTERS AS LISTED AT
WWW.DOITYOURSELF.COM

THE NEWCHURCH FILES WWW.LIBERATION-NOW.ORG

THE AREA THAT NEWCHURCH

11.5

square miles

THE TOWN

BAN ALL PROTESTS FROM

The number of employees NewChurch has:

10.

480

The police estimate of incidents involving animal rights activists and the owners of Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm.

1000 VOLTS Activists have cut the power lines to Newchurch 3 times leaving 2000 village residents without power.

£16 BILLION POUNDS

London Based Aegis Defense Services estimating what animal rights activism might cost the British economy annually in lost investments.

393,388
number of hits on directaction.info in 2004



[200] The estimated number of "hardcore" animal extremists in the UK according to British authorities and politicians.



[150] The number of reported direct action attacks in the UK for 2004 so far.

sound bites



"The UK is the worst. It is scaring our people. If they become so scared that it becomes a major issue, we could come close to leaving."

- Daniel Vasella, chairman of HLS customer Novartis, commenting on the UK animal rights movement and the impact it is having.

"We view the United Kingdom as the Afghanistan for the growth of animal rights extremism throughout the world. The animal rights movement that we are dealing with in the United States is a direct import from the United Kingdom."

- Patti Strand of the American lobby group the National Animal Interest Alliance.

"I have been following the animal rights movement for 25 years and I've never seen anything like this."

- Frankie Trull, the Foundation for Biomedical Research, on the US SHAC campaign, quoted in the Star Ledger in November.

"SHAC actively coordinates terrorist activity and gets away with it."

- An irrational Assistant US Attorney Charles McKenna to the Star Ledger in August after losing in a bid to jail SHAC activist Kevin Jonas for a protest he was not at and had nothing to do with.



due to space restrictions, not all actions are listed. for a complete listing with communiques, visit www.directaction.info



liberations.

06/21/04 (UK) 30 lobsters released from cages; boat vandalized and paint thrown on fisherman's house.

July (Germany) Open rescue group Befreite Tiere liberated 145 hens from farms in five separate actions.

07/10/04 (Spain) Partridges freed from farm in Soria that breeds animals for hunting.

07/13/04 (Italy) ALF liberated 30 rats from university lab in Urbino.

07/16/04 (Austria) Five hens liberated.

07/18/04 (Austria) 21 hens liberated.

07/24/04 (Italy) 210 rabbits rescued from vivisection breeder near Pisa.

07/25/04 (Italy) Five rabbits freed from farm in Reggio Emilia; cages and machinery damaged.

07/26/04 (Sweden) 90 rabbits liberated from rabbit-meat farm in Skane; pipes sabotaged, slogans painted.

08/08/04 (Germany) Befreite Tiere rescued 18 chickens, 42 geese and 10 ducks in one week of actions.

08/11/04 (Russia) Two foxes released from hunting station near Moscow; cages destroyed, slogans painted.

08/27/04 (Germany) 45 hens liberated from factory farms in four separate actions.

08/31/04 (Germany) 34 rabbits liberated from farm in Neuenburg.

09/02/04 (New Zealand) Several hens rescued from farm in Wellington.

09/03/04 (Russia) One raccoon released from cage and hunting station vandalized near Moscow.

09/05/04 (Germany) 10 hens rescued.

09/08/04 (Germany) 10 mink liberated from fur farm.

09/08/04 (Germany) 30 hens liberated.

09/09/04 (Austria) 12 hens liberated from farm in Salzburg.

09/10/04 (UK) Partridges liberated from pens on shooting estate in Hampshire.

09/12/04 (Spain) Beagle liberated from University of Leon; action dedicated to prisoner Gina Lynn.

09/15/04 (Russia) 127 frogs liberated from Russian Medical Academy.

09/19/04 (Germany) 15 chickens liberated from farm.

10/02/04 (Italy) 8 birds released from cages and hunting platform destroyed in Fermignano.

10/02/04 (Germany) Four ducklings liberated from fattening facility.

10/05/04 (Germany) Befreite Tiere rescued piglet from factory farm.

10/12/04 (Germany) 56 hens liberated from battery farm.

10/16/04 (Germany) 12 ducks liberated by open rescue group Maqi.

10/23/04 (Sweden) 90 hens liberated from farm in Ljungby; eggs smashed and slogans painted.

10/26/04 (Netherlands) Seal who had escaped from a zoo but was recaptured, was freed by activists.

10/31/04 (Australia) In a daylight raid, activists rescued puppy from Learmonth puppy mill.

November (Netherlands) DBF liberated 23 chickens from a farm.

11/05/04 (Italy) Rabbit farm raided in Ramiseto and 14 animals liberated; action dedicated to Barry Horne.

11/05/04 (UK) 9 chickens liberated in memory of Barry Horne.

11/06/04 (UK) 45 hens rescued from farm in Dorset, in memory of Barry.

11/06/04 (Italy) 30 birds freed from hunting facility in Trentino.

11/08/04 (Russia) One rabbit liberated from Moscow State University.

11/12/04 (Italy) 2500 mink freed from their cages at a farm in Villa del Conte.

11/14/04 (US) 88 mice and 313 rats liberated from University of Iowa psychology laboratory; more than 30 computers destroyed, documents removed.

11/18/04 (Finland) 2000 foxes dyed with henna, and breeding cards removed, at a farm in Aland.

11/21/04 (New Zealand) 21 hens rescued from a Golden Harvest Poultry farm.

06/18/04 (Germany) HLS client Kao Chemicals in Emmerich hit with 17 paintbombs.

06/20/04 (Netherlands) Homes of two BPRC primate lab employees redecorated with dozens of paintbombs.

06/21/04 (Canada) Fur store in Ottawa had its windows smashed with bricks.

06/21/04 (Austria) Anti-HLS slogans painted at Sankyo in Vienna.

Charterhouse Clinical) sabotaged; paint-stripped, tires slashed.

07/03/04 (Netherlands) Two cars sabotaged at Sankyo Pharma (HLS customer) in Zwanenburg.

07/07/04 (Italy) Upim department store, target of anti-fur campaigners, had locks glued and windows painted.

07/09/04 (US) Dr. James Walters, employee of Yamanouchi PharmaAmerica, woke up to find his SUV and house covered in spray-painted slogans.

07/10/04 (US) Employee of Kent Financial Services (HLS market maker) had his sports car paint-stripped and tires slashed.

07/10/04 (Netherlands) All first-floor windows smashed at Covance lab in Zeist.

07/11/04 (Netherlands) Chicken slaughterhouse in Breukelen firebombed.

07/11/04 (Austria) Locks glued at fur store in Vienna.

07/11/04 (Sweden) Slogans painted, windows broken, locks glued and fire started at a shooting range for hunters in Linkoping.

07/12/04 (Italy) Entrance to Nerviano Medical Center (vivisectors) covered in red paint.

07/14/04 (Austria) Three hunting towers toppled near Innsbruck.

07/15/04 (Italy) Anti-fur slogans painted on Louis Vitton store in Milan.

07/16/04 (USA) Pint of urine poured through open window at home of HLS vet Theresa Kusner.

07/18/04 (USA) Activists visited HLS CEO Andrew Baker's Los Angeles home and set off strip of 1,000 firecrackers, broke windows and destroyed a fountain, mailbox, and security cameras.

07/19/04 (Germany) Fake blood splattered and "DROP HLS" painted on homes of two Chiron directors.

07/23/04 (UK) Tires slashed on cars of two security guards at RMC site in Attenborough (RMC has since pulled-out of construction contract with Oxford Univ.).

07/24/04 (USA) Slogans spray-painted at HLS-customer Forest Labs' facility in St. Louis.

07/25/04 (Spain) "Sankyo Dump HLS" and other slogans painted at home of Sankyo Pharma chairman in Barcelona.

07/27/04 (Sweden) Window smashed and paint splashed on hunting and fishing store in Kungalv.

07/27/04 (Netherlands) Arson destroyed a McDonalds in Cuijk.

07/27/04 (USA) Toilets plugged, bathroom redecorated with paint and locks glued at a McDonalds in New York.

07/27/04 (Germany) Locks glued, slogans painted at turkey-breeder near Steinfurt.

07/28/04 (Switzerland) Messages painted on home of hunting association president in Mendrisio.

07/28/04 (USA) Locks glued and slogans painted at Domestic Securities (HLS

Market Maker), and at a Sumitomo (HLS customer) subsidiary, in Florida.

07/31/04 (Italy) Locks glued and spray-painted messages at Fur Industry Association offices in Milan.

07/31/04 (UK) Home and cars of HLS-supplier Dietex exec. painted.

August (Finland) Hunting tower destroyed in Linkoping.

August (UK) Slogans painted, vehicle windows smashed, pipes cut and other sabotage at HLS-supplier BOC Gases in Nottingham.

August (UK) Locks glued at home of Oxford University fundraiser in Sherborne.

08/04/04 (Netherlands) Home of BPRC primate lab director paintbombed.

08/04/04 (USA) Slogans painted, wires and pipes sabotaged at Forest Labs' Long Island facility.

08/04/04 (Finland) Windows etched at two fur stores in Turku.

08/06/04 (Finland) 7 windows smashed at fur shop in Tampere.

08/08/04 (USA) ALF burnt down 500-seat cockfighting arena in Louisiana.

08/09/04 (Austria) Locks glued and "Smash HLS" written on home of Sankyo director in Vienna.

08/11/04 (UK) Approx. 900 catalogs ordered for Simon Turner, employee at Newchurch guinea pig farm

08/11/04 (UK) The London homes of secretaries for HLS-customers GSK and 3M were covered in graffiti and cars vandalized.

08/14/04 (Germany) Windows smashed at butcher shop in Berlin.

08/14/04 (UK) Car of Oxford Univ. fundraiser paint-stripped.

08/16/04 (UK) ALF paint stripped car of worker for HLS-customer Emerson.

08/16/04 (Germany) Four hunting towers destroyed in Bad Neuenahr.

08/18/04 (Italy) Locks glued, anti-fur slogans painted and black tar dumped in front of two Upim department stores in Florence.

08/21/04 (Italy) Relative of the owner of vivisection supplier Morini farm received hoax bomb.

08/22/04 (Sweden) Hunting association sign spray-painted.

08/23/04 (Germany) 250 circus advertisements pulled down in Essen.

08/26/04 (Germany) Locks glued at three butcher shops and a fish store in Auerbach.

September (Finland) 10 windows smashed at fur store in Tampere; 20 windows etched at fur stores in Helsinki.

08/27/04 (Russia) Three fur shops and two meat transports spray-painted.

08/28/04 (Sweden) Slogans painted at vivisector's home in Umea.

08/29/04 (UK) Newchurch worker David Broomhall's two cars paint-stripped.

08/30/04 (Austria) Locks glued and slogans painted at Sankyo (HLS customer) in Vienna.



sabotage.

06/22/04 (UK) Tires slashed, lights and windshields smashed, lines cut on three RMC trucks and two bulldozers (RMC were builders of animal lab in Oxford).

06/22/04 (Australia) Windows broken at KFC in Sydney.

06/25/04 (UK) Tractors, bulldozers and a crane damaged at RMC site in Bournemouth.

06/25/04 (US) Offices of Johnson Matthey (HLS customer) in California covered with spray-painted messages, and locks glued.

06/28/04 (Netherlands) ABN AMRO cash machines sabotaged in The Hague; "Close Down BPRC" painted on bank in Nijmegen.

06/30/04 (UK) Three trucks and an office firebombed at RMC site in Surrey.

July (Germany) Three hunting towers destroyed in Gussenstadt.

07/02/04 (UK) Cars of employees of two HLS suppliers (Citysprint and

Charterhouse Clinical) sabotaged; paint-stripped, tires slashed.

08/30/04 (UK) Activists announced liberating hundreds of hens from farms in recent months.

09/02/04 (Italy) Windows broken and slogans painted at BOC Gases in Milan.

09/03/04 (Spain) Locks glued and slogans painted at fur store in Barcelona.

09/04/04 (Germany) Hundreds of advertisements for circus Monte Carlo destroyed.

09/05/04 (Italy) Windows broken and red paint splashed at fur stores in Milan.

09/06/04 (Sweden) Windows smashed at fur and leather shop in Linkoping.

09/06/04 (UK) Slogans painted in neighborhood of Newchurch worker Nick Sanders.

09/06/04 (USA) Windows etched at Saks Fifth Avenue in New Orleans.

09/10/04 (UK) Two Northgate executives targeted at home (Northgate has since severed ties with HLS).

09/12/04 (Sweden) Stones thrown through four windows of fur store in Ystad, followed by stinky liquids and red paintbombs.

09/12/04 (UK) Credit card details of Oxford University fundraiser used to make purchases (car battery, garden shed, etc.).

09/13/04 (Australia) Locks glued, bricks thrown through windows of store in Melbourne that sells fur.

09/13/04 (Italy) Locks glued at hunting federation office in Empoli.

09/14/04 (UK) Home of an Arco director is visited; windows smashed, car vandalized (after the attack, Arco severed ties with HLS).

09/15/04 (Norway) Windows smashed at two fur shops and a McDonalds in Oslo.

09/17/04 (Netherlands) ABN AMRO branch vandalized with glue and paint to protest bank's connection to BPRC primate lab.

09/19/04 (Finland) 10 windows smashed at Tampere fur shop; 2 windows smashed at fur store in Jyvaskyla.

09/20/04 (UK) Anti-HLS slogans painted at the home of PDP Courier's executive.

09/21/04 (Italy) Stones thrown through windows of Milan fur store.

09/23/04 (Sweden) Locks glued at chinchilla farmers home in Uppsala.

09/26/04 (USA) Home of L.A. Animal Services employee covered in red paint.

09/26/04 (Russia) Slogans painted at two fur shops and a hunting club in Moscow.

09/27/04 (Germany) ALF etch "Fur = Murder" into P&C windows in Hamburg.

09/27/04 (Spain) Red paint splashed at home of Sankyo Pharma chairman in Barcelona.

09/29/04 (Sweden) Slogans painted at home of Malmo furrier; locks glued and windows etched on his car.

09/29/04 (UK) Voodoo doll left at the home of the daughter of Newchurch owner John Hall.

09/30/04 (Sweden) Fur store in Ystad lost its windows.

October (Sweden) Three hunting towers used to hunt elks destroyed.

10/02/04 (USA) Ringling Bros. circus train cars painted and truck windows etched in Michigan; slogans painted, locks glued and windows smashed at hosting arena.

10/04/04 (UK) Director of HLS-supplier PDP Courier had cars covered with acid.

10/04/04 (Russia) Slogans painted on fur store in Koryazhma.

10/05/04 (Germany) Fur website hacked.

10/05/04 (Ireland) Billboards at Limerick City greyhound stadium vandalized.

10/06/04 (UK) In a 48-hour period, ALF vandalized home and cars of two BOC Gases employees, two PerkinElmer directors and three Phytopharma workers.

10/07/04 (Germany) 80 circus advertisements removed in Berlin.

10/07/04 (USA) Red paint splashed at entrance to Los Angeles Animal Services.

10/07/04 (Italy) Locks glued at Upim department store in Parma.

10/07/04 (Italy) Windows smashed, slogans painted on three fur shops in Reggio Emilia.

10/07/04 (Germany) Two managers of P&C (clothing store that sells fur) had cars and homes vandalized.

10/09/04 (Germany) P&C director Hendrik Cloppenburg had his car covered with paint; butyric acid poured through mail slot of his home in Dusseldorf.

10/08/04 (Spain) Chairman of Sankyo Pharma (HLS customer) received mailed threat.

10/10/04 (UK) Newchurch guinea pig farm owner's mother-in-laws grave desecrated; media blames animal activists.

10/13/04 (Sweden) Owner of fur shop Palskonfektion in Malmo complained to local media that he had been targeted more than 35 times.

10/13/04 (Germany) P&C store in Recklinghausen hit with paintbombs.

10/13/04 (Italy) Two meat company trucks firebombed in Parma.

10/15/04 (Germany) Two windows of P&C store in Berlin etched.

10/15/04 (Germany) Toilets at McDonalds and Burger King filled with cement, locks glued at butcher shops, in Stuttgart.

10/15/04 (Turkey) Three leather shop's locks glued in Izmit.

10/16/04 (Ireland) Billboards advertising circus in Mallow destroyed.

10/17/04 (USA) Four windows smashed at a McDonalds.

10/18/04 (Italy) Butcher shop and McDonalds sabotaged in Milan; three fur shops sabotaged in Reggio Emilia.

10/18/04 (Netherlands) Windows etched and broken at Covance's lab in Zeist.

10/22/04 (UK) Slogans painted on home of 3M (HLS customer) director; Mercedes paint-stripped, tires slashed.

10/22/04 (Netherlands) Two hunting platforms destroyed.

10/26/04 (Italy) Slingshots broke out windows at Milan fur shop during business hours.

10/26/04 (Netherlands) Two windows broken at Covance offices.

10/26/04 (Ireland) ALF removed billboards advertising a circus in Limerick City.

10/27/04 (UK) Sports car of Forest Labs director in Kent covered in paint stripper.

10/27/04 (USA) Slogans painted on home of HLS-CEO Andrew Baker.

10/30/04 (UK) Car outside the home of a (HLS customer) Bayer director was covered in paint stripper and its tires slashed.

10/31/04 (Italy) 10 windows smashed at La Rinascente department store in Milan.

11/01/04 (Italy) Fur shop truck firebombed in Fidenza.

11/02/04 (USA) E-mail accounts of HLS market maker's Sterne Agee and SIG clogged in electronic attack.

09/12/04

Spain 1 beagle liberated

"During the night of Saturday 11 to Sunday 12 September 2004 we made a liberation. A female beagle dog was rescued after around six years encaged in a lab of the University of Leon (Spain).

The dog's name now is Gina, like our comrade imprisoned now in USA. The vivisectors named our beautifull friend just 96. Thats how they see the animals, like machines for humans. Gina now is going well. We have carried her to a vet and he has told us that she is a little bit thin, and with dirty teeth. She is afraid about humans, but now Gina is understanding that not all humans are the same.

We would like to say to all of the animal rights prisoners that they are not alone. We want to say from here to Sergio, Dave, Gina that we don't forget them, every day we think on you. To the animals imprisoned we dont want to say anything. We just want to rescue them.

For the animals, with love.

ALF



11/02/04 (Italy) Locks glued at two fur stores in Milan.

11/04/04 (UK) In memory of Barry Horne, tires slashed on four trucks at butcher supply company in Nottingham; windows broken at meat company.

11/04/04 (USA) ALF visited Long Island home of Forest Labs executive; slogans painted and red paint splashed on his BMW.

11/05/04 (UK) BOC Gases (HLS supplier) employee's car painted and stripped; action dedicated to Barry Horne.

11/05/04 (UK) Four cars parked at home of Yamanouchi executive paint-stripped and tires slashed.

11/05/04 (Sweden) Windows smashed at two fur/leather stores.

11/05/04 (UK) Windows smashed and red paint spilled at HLS-supplier CitySprint.

11/06/04 (UK) BOC employee's car paint-stripped, for Barry.

11/07/04 (Sweden) Swedish ALF remembered Barry Horne by targeting six leather and fur shops in past five days.

11/07/04 (Italy) Employee at RBM marxer vivisection lab had her car tires slashed; 15 workers at this lab have been targeted this year.

11/08/04 (Sweden) Two fur shops in Tranax paintbombed.

11/09/04 (Sweden) Slogans painted at a Gothenburg meat company.

11/10/04 (Sweden) Locks glued and windows smashed at fur shop in Ystad, in tribute to Barry.

11/10/04 (USA) Two stores in New Orleans that sell fur had windows etched.

11/11/04 (UK) ALF plug toilets at Shelbourne Park racing track.

11/11/04 (Russia) Locks glued and slogans painted at hunting store in Koryazhma.

11/11/04 (UK) Slogans painted at Nationwide Access (firm has since cut ties with HLS)

11/11/04 (UK) Slogans written in red paint on car and home of Oxford Univ. professor.

11/12/04 (UK) Two cars at home of Oxford researcher had tires slashed.

11/12/04 (Netherlands) Three hunting platforms destroyed near Nijmegen.

11/13/04 (Sweden) Fur shop in Gothenburg painted with slogans.

11/14/04 (USA) Locks glued, speakers vandalized at three KFC's in Topeka.

11/15/04 (UK) Four windows broken and slogans painted at TNT Express Deliveries (vivisection supplier) in Nottingham.

11/15/04 (USA) Los Angeles Animal Services manager received bomb threat.

11/19/04 (USA) BOC Gases (HLS supplier) in Ann Arbor painted.

11/20/04 (USA) Locks glued at home of Los Angeles Animal Services employee.

11/20/04 (Norway) Windows broken at fur store and McDonalds in Oslo.

11/21/04 (USA) 14 windows broken and slogans painted at a McDonalds in California.

11/22/04 (Italy) 10 windows smashed and truck covered in paint-stripper at Sanofi Synthelabo (HLS customer)

11/22/04 (Italy) Windows etched and locks glued at fur shop in Cortemaggiore.

11/22/04 (USA) Red paint splattered on Stony Brook Fur Shop and brick thrown through glass door.

11/24/04 (Italy) Slogans painted on homes of two vivisectors in Rome.

11/26/04 (Finland) Fur farm building burnt down in Uusikaarlepyy.



RETURN OF THE LAB RAID

The ALF ushers in the lab raid, once again, with 401 animals liberated and tens of thousands of dollars worth of damage.

(Iowa) In the early hours of November 14th, the Animal Liberation Front staged one of the most sophisticated lab raids in US history. The University of Iowa was targeted and 401 animals (88 mice and 313 rats) were removed, treated, and homed - while records, equipment, and computers belonging to the researchers were thoroughly destroyed.

The communiqué released shortly after the raid recorded detailed information about the lab, the experiments, and the action. It stated "This raid was carried out to halt the barbaric research of the UI Psychology Department's 7 primary animal researchers: Professors Poremba, Freeman, Blumberg, Johnson, Robinson, Rodefer and Wasserman."

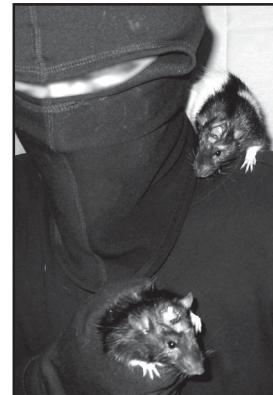
Explaining the strategy the ALF said, "This was not thoughtless vandalism but a methodical effort to cripple the UI psychology department's animal

research. Only equipment in rooms where animals were confined and tortured was targeted. Only computers belonging to or used in the work of vivisectors were destroyed. Only documents of animal researchers were doused in acid. The acid a deliberately chosen paper dissolving agent. Our goal is total abolition of all animal exploitation. Achieved in the short term by delivering the 401 animals from UI's chamber of hell. And in the extended term by shutting down the labs through the erasing of research and equipment used in the barbaric practice of vivisection. The entire raid was a careful and deliberate 5-pronged assault on UI's animal research."

Behind the locked, laboratory doors the ALF found and photographed "drug addicted rats, rats subjected to stress experiments

involving loud noise, rats undergoing thirst experiments, anaesthetized rats with protruding surgical staples and oozing wounds, and mice and rats affixed with grotesque head implants."

Police and the FBI have been confounded by how the ALF bypassed the labs sophisticated security system of key card access and a four walled security system.



The communiqué included an addendum that was a rebuttal to University denials this may have been an ALF action (despite the slogan left on the wall) by releasing a synopsis of the paperwork taken that revealed the grotesque work of the seven targeted researchers. A second addendum published the home addresses and phone numbers of those targeted.

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS!

(England) In late October the body of 82 year old Gladys Hammond, the late mother in law of Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm owner Christopher Hall was dug up, partially stolen, and the grave desecrated.

Police suspect animal rights activists may be behind the incident as the Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs campaign has relentlessly protested the facility for

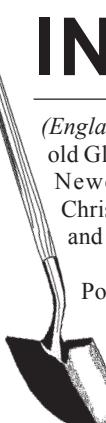
five years, driving away several employees, suppliers, and peace of mind.

The grave, laid down in 1997, was discovered by an elderly pensioner visiting the cemetery. Police suspect that the desecration occurred in the early hours of the morning and it took at least two people several hours to shift the earth. Police also confirmed most of the body was missing.

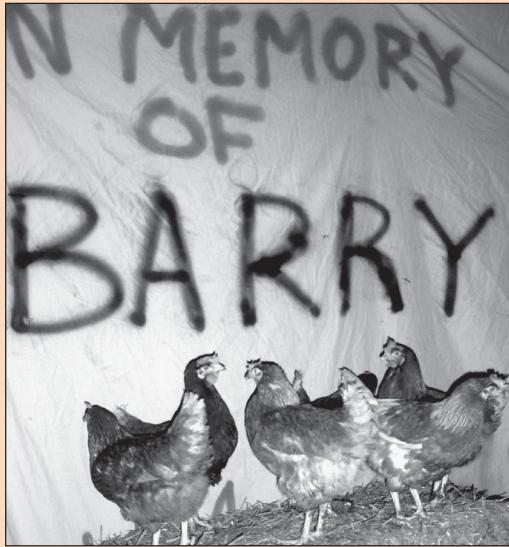
The Halls, who breed and sell guinea pigs to vivisection labs like Huntingdon Life Sciences,

were reported to be devastated and for the first time since the campaign began considering closing down their cruel business.

Three local activists have been arrested in the investigation but were not charged. One activist was an elderly woman suffering from cancer and the unfounded arrest is thought to be 'pay-back' or intimidation by the frustrated police for the incident. The Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs campaign has stepped its efforts and progress can be checked at: www.liberation-now.org.uk



A BARRY HORNE BLAST



(Worldwide) Animal Rights activists across the world took action in memory of Barry Horne. For a week in November surrounding the 3 year anniversary of Barry's death in prison, a consequence of his anti-vivisection hunger strikes, a call to direct action was proclaimed for the man known for his extensive arson campaign, 18 year prison sentence, and brave hunger strikes.

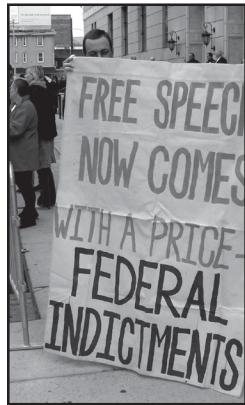
Activists in the UK rescued 45 hens and 9 chickens, slashed tires of executives in business with HLS, and damaged meat trucks. Italian activists celebrated Barry's life by damaging a fishing pond, gluing fur store locks, and torching two meat trucks. Swedish activists went on a five day rampage targeting six fur shops. US activists paid their respects with damage to the car of an HLS customer's car.



SHAC 7 UPDATE

(New Jersey) Each time it seems as if this case cannot get any more ridiculous, the NJ Assistant US Attorney opens his jackass mouth. Since the May indictments, the Government has tried to revoke defendant Kevin Jonas's bail release for a protest he was not at, had nothing to do with, nor even knew about. The Government also failed in getting SHAC USA Inc, the organization (and in the opinion of the prosecution - every activist everywhere) constrained in its reporting.

Most absurd of all however was the US Attorney's statement in a recent legal filing. In it he stated, "As alleged in the Superseding Indictment, SHAC was formed with the specific purpose of interrupting the business of HLS and to ultimately force it to cease



operations altogether thereby causing a disruption of its business." This is the purported crime. Having the goal of closing a business convicted of animal cruelty. Should the government prevail with this wholly unconstitutional theory, the very concept of animal liberation will become a crime, and only reformist, welfarist pursuits will be permissible.

The defense has hit back with broad challenges to the whole case and throughout the spring will be filing several rounds of motions. The trial date has been postponed to June and defendants are currently pouring through what the Government considers "evidence" (like old videotapes of the TV sitcom Bosom Buddies, with Tom Hanks).

Stay up to date on events, fundraising, and what you can do at www.shac7.com

SABBING AND NABBING

(Arizona) Rod Coronado has been indicted on conspiracy charges related to the local environmental group's interference with the hunt for mountain lions in Sabino Canyon last March. The charge, "Conspiracy to Impede or Injure an Officer," carries a maximum penalty of six years in prison.

Already on trial for three lesser misdemeanor charges, Coronado believes that the indictment is in response to his continued organizing against Arizona Department of Game and Fish's controversial policies such as the killing and

removal of lions from the Coronado National Forest and the trophy hunting of sandhill cranes and desert bighorn sheep in southern Arizona.

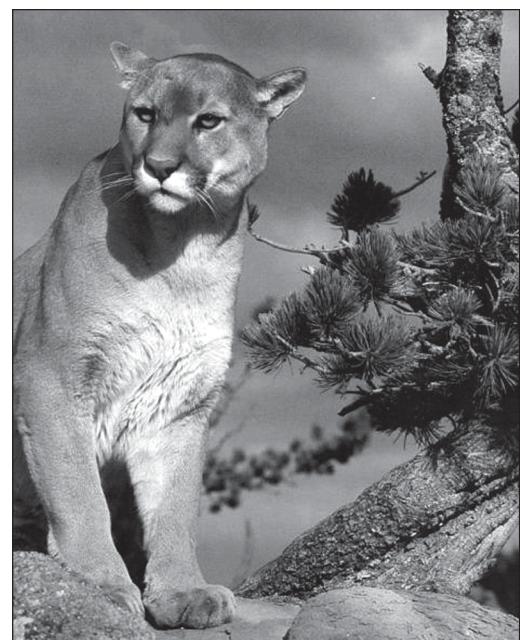
Arrested in March with a reporter from Esquire Magazine, Coronado was accused of sabotaging the hunt. The new charge is believed to stem from a November investigation Coronado took part in that exposed the scandalous trophy hunt. Unintimidated, Coronado vows to continue the same course in defense of Sabino Canyon wildlife. For more information visit www.earthfirstjournal.org

TALLY HO - FOX HUNTING BANNED IN UK!

(England) Backbenchers in the Labor Party forced through, despite the objections of Prime Minister Tony Blair and defiance of the House of Lords, a ban on fox hunting. The law comes into full effect in February 2005 and ends the centuries old barbarity of the blood-sport.

In the build up to the much anticipated vote hunt supporters rallied and rioted outside of Parliament to the delight of animal rights activists who enjoyed watching the police and hunt scum bloody themselves.

The Countryside Alliance has vowed a mass civil disobedience campaign by continuing the hunts after the ban. Hunt Sab groups are preparing as well to stop this cruel and now criminal behavior.





keith mann

after being convicted of an attempted alf arson attack, what's left to do?

escape from prison, go on the lam, and get back to work.

it only makes sense.

Bite Back: You are one of the most famous ALF volunteers. You were convicted for torching a meat truck, attempting to burn 10 others, and are thought to be the "ring-leader" behind a wave of direct action attacks (almost 700 in 1991) that hit Manchester, UK. After 7 years in prison are you still proud of your actions and do you stand by this legacy?

Keith Mann: Oh I'm proud! Proud to be involved in this epic struggle for animal liberation. Getting caught was merely a consequence, something more annoying than shameful and unfortunately inevitable.

Perversely perhaps that heavy sentence strengthened my resolve. I guess being removed from the hectic campaign life for so long was an excessively long recharge. Any doubt I might have had that direct action is the right thing to do

was cleared up by the 14 year prison sentence they gave me in response!

BB: What was the motivation behind using arson as your chosen method of activism? What sort of deliberations and preparation went into it?

KM: For the record I was convicted of a single arson charge (attempted arson) so legally speaking I haven't actually ever burnt anything and have never admitted any! Generally speaking choosing arson as a preferred method would be for a number of reasons.

While those fiddly little tricks that interfere with, for example, the workings of vehicles can be annoying and costly, after a while it simply isn't enough. Does it really send enough of a message to a slaughterhouse or university that you broke their windows, contaminated their fuel tanks, and

flattened the tires? I wouldn't think so. To disable animal abuse is a start - but to end it is our goal.

If attracting attention is part of the intent of an action, and for the most part what the ALF does is about drawing attention to animal abuse and the abusers, then how better than in flames!

The one attack I was convicted of involved a fleet of ten egg carriers belonging to Stonegate Farmers who manage those vile egg farms. We were under surveillance, as is the way, as were numerous targets following a spate of similar attacks and police ambushed us. Our considerations were simple: 1) To do maximum damage, and 2) To avoid arrest. Failed! We had ten devices--one to go inside each cab but before we got round to lighting them police accidentally revealed themselves and a car chase ensued.

BB: How did you school yourself in the construction of incendiary devices?

KM: I took in the principle and experimented with the options. Incendiary devices certainly in our society are seen as something specialized, something we should have learnt in chemistry class but didn't, something we will just have to make do without them. Having the 'know how' from one to one coaching or those bulletins that come through the door has been imperative to keeping the flame burning. Knowledge is after all - power.

BB: You have the distinct honor of being one of a handful of animal rights activists that has escaped from police custody - whilst being held on arson charges no less. Can you recount this adventure and its eventual end?

KM: From the minute I was arrested I was intent on escaping if I got half a chance. Everyone inside finds an escape, not all are physical. I think it is the duty of everyone to liberate themselves from

I escaped on foot, hid up from the search party until dark, and then made my way some distance to a safe house where I was looked after and next day delivered to a fellow fugitive who was herself on the run. We spent the next 10 months doing our stuff until early one morning the police tracked us down to an animal refuge on the south coast. Again the well-planned operation faltered and Keith got a chance to leg it only to be finally apprehended in the woods by a police dog! Those 10 months were great.

BB: Your case and the sentencing portion of it was a rude awakening to the injustice of the "justice system". Your judge was a huntsman and sheep breeder, his friend handled (hostilely) your sentencing, you were moved countless times before trial, and small things like giving you rumpled clothes to wear in court seemed the standard. How did you cope with this political and personal handicap? Has it left you with any lasting lessons of how to interact with the "authorities"?

spent nearly two years on remand in prison awaiting trial accused of all manner of conspiracies and other offences and facing a show trial that the police were hoping would smash the ALF and see us locked away for years.

It helped me no end to have so much support from outside prison, it also helped no end to be able to escape and delay the inevitable. Being arrested a year later was another set back but again not something I was at great pains to avoid given the ongoing strategy of keeping myself active in the arena that got me into trouble to start with. When I was sentenced some months after that I had already been inside for three years. It was a vicious sentence but still wasn't quite as traumatic as every experience of a slaughterhouse I've had, and has had a far lesser effect on me.

BB: Can you describe those first moments of freedom following almost 7 years of incarceration?

KM: Oh yes! I felt liberated; I always knew it was a good thing for others and have dished it

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that captivity in whatever form that takes. Personally speaking that would have to be physical as opposed to through books or education or meditation, which is how some people deal with it. I'm not knocking either for one minute but I'm more mobile than that and need to be physically active to burn my demons.

I had tried for some months to fashion a way out of custody and came painfully close on a couple of occasions, once involving a tunnel and on another occasion an optician, (read the book) but it took nearly two years to figure it out and get the stroke of luck I needed. I had spent many months in and out of prisons and held in police stations due to a shortage of spaces. One morning...the police came for me in prison and took me to a police station to be questioned about something else they wanted to charge me with. Well that was a mistake!

Prisons are designed for the long-term detention of a lot of convicts whereas police stations (are not), and so the boundaries are less rigid. Anyway this lot had me in the latter for the day and that evening were transferring me to another temporary container until court the following morning. My two-man escort and I about to enter the prison van for the journey across the city. But for lazy copper failing to handcuff me for the few steps from secure building to secure van and there being no roof on the secure yard I wouldn't have broke his grip on my arm, legged it across the yard up and over the gate and back to something like a normal life.

KM: I was never physically assaulted in prison but the mindless things they did provided no end of strife and entertainment. In a way it gave me something to fight over and kept me active. I didn't want to get embroiled in protracted campaigns over margarine, toothpaste, exercise allowance, missing books or whatever but if they were wrong in what they were doing then it occurred to me given I was punished for the most minor offence in and out of prison they should be held to account. They don't like inmates to smash up over every issue so they encourage you make an official application then a complaint. Most inmates don't have the know-how or will power to go through all that with prison authorities but I enjoyed the challenge and the authorities didn't like the work so I inspired myself to resolve everything this way. It was a distraction, it was a terrible waste of paper and of everyone's time, so I was told, but I had loads of it to spare and it did keep me in vegan food.

BB: Can you describe those first moments of prison starting a 14 year sentence?

KM: Not really no. See the way it came about gave me ample time to prepare so the shock was dulled and by the time I got the sentence I'd done nearly three years so it wasn't quite that bad anyway. I was arrested in 1991 and remanded to custody. My attitude was that if I got arrested for arson I could end up with a life sentence so I had prepared myself for the worst and being arrested that night was the worst thing that could have happened, but I was mentally prepared. I then

out freely but had never experienced it myself. There is nothing to compare with freedom, something we all take for granted, something all animals must be allowed to experience. Just to be able to walk in the rain was awesome. I was given just four days to get my affairs in order and prepare for release after seven years but again as much thanks to the support I got it was no problem for me to deal with.

BB: If anything positive can be said for the absurdity and cruelty of your prison sentence it is that the Vegan Prisoners Supporters Group (VPSG) was born out of it. Can you describe the conditions that mandated its creation, the difference it made for you, and the institution it has now become?

KM: It was really about someone being in the right place at the right time and Jo Ann Brown was. A friend watching out for our well being soon realized the need there was for reform in the way vegans were being looked after inside. Our endless complaints in there led her to begin a similar campaign outside to look after the needs of my co defendant and myself. The ground work was being laid and over time this became the VPSG which works tirelessly for all vegan activists inside. Without that support it would be virtually impossible to get properly fed and regular access to toiletries. There are consequences to everything we do and the formation of the VPSG is one.

BB: The Justice for Keith Mann organization made you into a movement celebrity. Beyond the prison bars giving you a sort of platform to influence a growing swell of supporters, you, in a way, became a heart-throb with your image a-fixed to such items as pillow-cases. What is it like to be of political fame, and what obligations do you feel you owe to it?

KM: It isn't what I wanted for one minute to be the focus of so much attention and arrested and questioned at every opportunity, not least because the most effective ALF activists are unknown to the authorities and most of the most effective campaigns are forced by the ALF. I wanted to be part of that until the day I die; instead I am to talk about it, which isn't quite the same but good for getting me into trouble just as often!

On that note it is true that I have felt some obligation to take on this role as spokesperson for the ALF, something as I say I would rather not do given the choice but it is an important job that I have grown to relish. Even when under attack for... the rights and wrongs of this or that ALF 'atrocities' I stick to explaining the reasons

KM: I don't remember saying that and it is quite dated but I am quite happy to repeat it. The media have quoted that statement repeatedly as is their want in order to make me into a violent thug intent on murder. Jerry Vlasak has encountered something similar recently over here in an attempt to detract from the rest of his words. In the absence of anything more conclusive it seems to be all there is for them to cling to! I felt back then and still do now especially as they drive the movement into a corner, that it is only a matter of time before the tables turn and people in the name of animal liberation kill animal abusers. It seems a logical approach and to suggest otherwise wouldn't be honest. It may never happen and would of course be better if it wasn't necessary. So far this truly selfless, broad based, compassionate movement has shown remarkable restraint while confronted by extreme cruelty and violence.

BB: You were friends with Barry Horne, followed a similar 'career' path, and at his passing commented that "it was his view that the lack of anger and self-belief within the AR movement was literally guaranteeing vivisection would continue



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why someone might be driven to those measures, the details of which we all know inside out.

No matter what we do there are so many worse crimes occurring every single day and we should never forget that nor let anyone else. It pains me to hear good people publicly apologizing for this or that and getting into condemning other activists when pressed by interviewers - this should never happen. In private we talk about our tactics, in public we talk about animal abuse.

BB: In 1998 you told a London newspaper, "We are capable of dealing with anyone. No one has died yet but that time will come." Do you still believe this, and can you give the statement some context?

indefinitely. And he was right." Do you think Barry's very selfless courage and ultimate sacrifice helped to change this? Has the anti-vivisection movement become more angry and confident since Barry's regrettable observation?

KM: Absolutely I do. I still hear people say Barry's death was a waste and that hurts me too. Barry did what he did because he wanted more than anything to end animal abuse. Many of us claim we do but how many of us will put our money where our mouth is? It was Barry's efforts that reignited the vivisection campaign we are wrapped up in currently. Had he gone on with doing his time all those places we keep going on about having closed down might still be thriving. That said I feel Barry would be disappointed at the muted response to his death as much as he

was to the response to animal abuse generally. If his efforts were wasted and his passing futile then that is the fault of those of us who want an end to animal abuse. Barry Horne has done his bit.

BB: In the past couple of years you have helped lead strong anti-vivisection efforts. The Shamrock Farm and Regal Rabbit campaigns marked two landmark victories for 'lab' animals. What was the recipe for success driving these efforts?

KM: Self-belief and persistence is what will end animal abuse. But even with that there must be the ALF. It was directly because of covert raids that these places ultimately folded. It was that and the fear of more to come that closed down Regal and Shamrock and others like them. I think it matters equally that we seek to close these places as much as being determined to make their lives something as uncomfortable as those animals in those cages for as long as the animals are there. At Newchurch, for example, it may be five years into the campaign and the farm is still operating but the rest of their empire has crumbled around them as more and more daring and imaginative tactics pile on the pressure making their lives one long trauma and a very public example to show other like them who might like to think they could sustain the pressure. It's so simple, or is it me?

BB: What is your all time favorite ALF action?

KM: Now I'm stumped! You may as well ask me my favorite food. There are so many. I suppose for feel good factor and getting the point across those raids as happened recently at the University of Iowa where the animals leave and then maximum damage is done and is seen to be done.

Lobsters don't get enough of our attention and when they do it pleases me no end. They apparently know not to go back into a trap once released and can live to be a hundred, what a gift to give them! It was good to see footage of some being freed from lobster pots recently and the pots trashed. Simple, but effective action. I like that.

A 1985 raid, Operation Greystoke impressed and inspired me. Carried out by French anti vivisectionists it resulted in the rescue of 17 baboons from a lab! There have been very few primate liberations anywhere to match that (except for Brazil where a lot more were set free in one raid). In the UK in all these years the ALF has rescued just one from vivisection although we have impacted on the importation and breeding of them heavily.

But the past is history and out of our control. The future, however, is ours!



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BARN BURNER

how 38 incendiary devices met a slaughterhouse.
"Basically, I meant business!"

by **MELarnold**

The following "How It Was Done" was written by Melanie Arnold, who received a 3 year sentence for arson at Ensors slaughterhouse in Gloucestershire. Mel's co-defendant, Michael Green, received a 5 year sentence.

Some years back, Britain's abattoir regulations were tightened with the onset of E.U. laws governing hygiene. Owners were given a 3 year period with which to raise their hygiene standards or else. The larger abattoirs had the funds with which to oblige, the medium compounds swung in the balance and the smaller ones found themselves going bust or being forced into a merger. This put a fundamental pressure on the meat industry, which came on top of the growing concern amongst the public with not only questionable farming practices but the whole concept of meat together with the emerging wealth of evidence linking BSE with CJD. In anticipation of abattoir inspections, demonstrations, and general exposure in the media an attack was planned on Ensor's slaughterhouse, a media sized affair in the hope of not only eliminating one more killing venue, but to keep the anti-meat issue alive and to show that wherever you are, whatever you do if you do abuse animals or the environment, you will come to the attention of Earth activists.

You would never guess Ensor's business if you drove past uninformed for the office block at the front of the building belies its true purpose. But the smell. The smell will always give it away. It was chosen for its location. Situated in an obscure part of Gloucestershire, it was isolated enough to be safe to burn without danger to life, but not so isolated that our presence in the vicinity, if disturbed, could not be explained. Myself and Michael hid on the premises one night and once the whole compound was empty we did a primary

reccce. We inspected perimeter fencing, escape routes, the surrounding land; we covered the lorry park, the animal pens and various out buildings and vehicles. Everything was observed, checked and memorized. Next we made a more thorough check of the slaughterhouse itself; we scaled the roof for possible entry points, the front being alarmed and then a closer inspection brought us to one of the many large shed doors at the rear of the building. It had a large metal bin against it which we moved. And in we went. What we entered was a pitch black maze or corridors and side rooms. The silence was eerie, but an unmistakable atmosphere prevailed, so strong it was almost physical. The stench of fear and blood was evident. Echoes. Echoes all around. I walked into a room containing two dead cows strung up from their hind legs, their open throats swinging over a grate in the floor. Metal bins nearby held the blood, organs and skins of our animal friends laying like shrugged off coats in their own juices. We spent two hours there that night. We traced where the animals come in from their pens and we walked in their footsteps, up to the drovers ramp to be prodded and stunned (or not) and then through to where they would be hoisted up, cut and bled. We went up to the first landing, to the kitchen, toilets and offices and then back down to the main slaughterhouse in silence, each deep in our thoughts. We left without a trace.

A fortnight later, I had bought everything we would need and on 10th June 1995 we dropped off our tools, petrol and the devices at the compound and drove off to park the van somewhere inconspicuous. We walked back to the compound like a courting couple and then slipped through onto the lorry park. The lorries, the building and the surrounding area was checked for any sign of life. Finding none, we continued. A hole was cut in the fence at the opposite end of the compound to where the police or security would enter so as to ensure we wouldn't have

our escape blocked. We then smashed each vehicle's side window, relatively nice and quietly with a centrepunch. We then withdrew and waited for any response. There was none. We left an unlit device by each vehicle ready for the correct timing and we moved onto the building. We doused the whole top floor with copious amounts of petrol, dragging overalls and paper towels from the locker room out onto the landing and down the stairs, to form one long snaking continuous fuse. Next we attempted to blowtorch and cut our way through to the chilling/processing section through 2 huge iron barred gates. No luck there, so we concentrated on what we could get to. I climbed onto some corrugated roofing and left devices together with a trail of petrol leading to the drovers ramp which I set on fire. Machinery was hoisted together, splashed with petrol and then a device was placed next to it. The devices were a potassium nitrate and sugar mix in equal quantities, sealed in freezer bags. The bag was attached to a bottle containing a detergent and accelerant (petrol) mixture. We had 26 of these devices and a further 12 large packets of the nitrate/sugar mix on their own, in addition to all the petrol. Basically I meant business! Next, the vehicle devices were lit and they were placed through the smashed windows and left on the upholstery. Back inside the building we manually activated another fire and began throwing devices into it to encourage it to spread. The explosive mixture with the petrol shot electric blue flames 8ft into the air which began to creep dangerously close towards us over the petrol soaked floor. We ran out just as 2 of the lorries exploded into flames. We slipped away into the night.





bite back's TOP TEN LIST

TOP TEN ARSONS to keep you warm this winter



We often hear critics of direct action speak of "the old days" when the Animal Liberation Front rescued animals from laboratories, and only used fire to keep warm on cold winter nights. Our response: **when was that?** The truth is that activists burned vivisection labs before they ever rescued animals from them. The ALF has always used fire as a tool.

Activists have been responsible for hundreds of arsons worldwide, targeting McDonalds, fur stores, circus trucks, cockfighting arenas, etc. Here we remember 10 noteworthy actions.

1 November 10, 1973: The first of two arson attacks by The Band of Mercy on a Hoechst Pharmaceuticals laboratory under construction. The attacks caused £45,000 worth of damage (a lot of money in 1973!). These actions were the movement's first use of arson, and may mark the first direct action targeting the vivisection industry. Ronnie Lee wrote in the communiqué: "The building was set fire to in an effort to prevent the torture and murder of our animal brothers and sisters by evil experiments."

HONORABLE Mentions

November 28, 1993: Small fires broke out overnight in Saks Fifth Avenue, Marshall Fields and Carson Pirie Scott department stores in Chicago. An incendiary device was also discovered in Neiman Marcus. The ALF promised in their communiqué: "Any store selling fur items will be considered a legitimate target."

May 29, 1995: During an aboveground campaign against the export of veal calves, 38 milk tankers were firebombed in the UK, causing over £2 million damage. For pure visual impact, this action can't be beat – row after row of neatly parked trucks; the cabs of each truck reduced to black, smoky shells.



2 June 1974: The Band of Mercy firebombed two seal hunting boats on the east coast of England. One boat was totally destroyed. That year a seal hunt did not take place, and there has not been a seal hunt since!

3 Beginning in 1987: the ALF targeted department stores across Britain that sold fur. Small incendiary devices were hidden in stores, designed to ignite after hours, switch on the sprinkler system and flood the store. A week before Christmas 1988 a malfunctioning sprinkler system resulted in a £25 million fire at the Dingles store in Plymouth. By the end of the decade, fur had been removed from Britain's department stores.

4 April 16, 1987: An early morning fire gutted a nearly completed 50,000 sq. ft. veterinary laboratory at the University of California at Davis. The fire caused \$4.5 million in damages and delayed the opening of the lab for a year. This is the first use of arson by activists in the U.S.

5 April 3, 1989: Adding an explanation point to the liberation of over 1000 rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, rats and frogs from the University of Arizona in Tucson, the ALF set fires that destroyed a laboratory and damaged research offices. In an anonymous interview following the action, the activists explained, "I think it sends a message to researchers about how serious this is. Sometimes when you just take animals and do nothing else, [it] is not as strong a message."

6 June 10, 1991: In a kick-off of Operation Bite Back, a supply barn at Oregon State University's Experimental Fur Farm was destroyed by fire. The research farm closed

soon after the action. The ALF promised to continue, "...until the last fur farm is burnt to the ground." Later that week, a fire at Northwest Fur Farm Foods Cooperative caused over \$1 million damage (the cooperative is also now closed). Over the next 16 months, fires were set at fur industry research centers in Washington, Oregon, Michigan and Utah which destroyed decades of research.

7 July 21, 1997: Cavel West horse slaughterhouse in Oregon was burnt to the ground. The land was later sold and the slaughterhouse was not rebuilt.

8 August 9, 1999: United Feeds, a Wisconsin business that supplied feed to mink ranches was visited by activists. Offices, freezer and storage rooms in the three-story building were destroyed, causing \$1.5 million damage. The fire began less than an hour after 2000 mink were released from a nearby farm, and one week after 3000 mink were released from another Wisconsin farm.

9 September 20, 2001: After more than a decade worth of aboveground campaigning by multiple multi-million dollar national organizations, a small cell of ALF activists, equipped with what we would imagine would be less than \$100 worth of tools, set a \$1 million fire in a maintenance building at The Coulston Foundation. The primate research center closed shortly after.

10 March 24, 2003: Our award for perseverance goes to the activists who started a fire at Rancho Veal, one of California's only slaughterhouses. The action was the latest of several actions against the business. In January 2000, an arson caused \$250,000 damage. Rancho Veal's owner told a local newspaper, "It gets old, it gets real tiresome."

November 1996: \$2 million in merchandise was destroyed in a fire at Alaskan Fur in a Minneapolis suburb. The store later held an "After The Fire Sale."



August 28, 2000: Five cars of HLS employees are torched in the UK (a few months earlier, the cars of three HLS employees and a major shareholder were torched).

April 4, 2003: Czimer's, a Chicago store that illegally sold slaughtered tigers and leopards was damaged by fire. The action took place one day after a man was convicted of killing the animals. The ALF noted in a communiqué: "Your crimes have not gone unnoticed and you are not innocent."



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from behind the bars

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Paul Holliday's (Paul le Boutillier's codefendant) sentence was reduced on appeal, and he was released in July.

Wendy Attwood was sentenced to 3 months in prison for animal rights-related "crimes" and has been released on tagging.

Gina Lynn was released on September 17, after three weeks in jail for refusing to cooperate with a federal grand jury.



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Vehicle Licensing Agency, Barry is accused of leaking information about people connected to the notorious Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm.

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involved with several animal rights campaigns, and in particular the Close Morini Farm campaign (Morini is a laboratory animal supplier which breeds dogs and rodents for vivisection).



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Paul received an outrageous 5 year sentence, but his sentence was halved on appeal. He is due to be released in summer 2005. Paul's birthday was December 27.



Andrew Davies

Andrew received a sentence of 28 days for essentially having an argument with a Newchurch Guinea Pig Farm employee on the validity of animal experimentation. Andrew was released on October 15.

I never thought I would go to prison over such a minor offence but was sent down for a month's sentence and I must admit it shocked the life out of me. I was not prepared in any way for prison and being a first timer I didn't know what to expect in the slightest. As soon as I arrived at Winson Green prison in Birmingham I was given a meal that had been sorted for me by the Vegan Prisoner support group (VPSG) which made me feel a little more comfortable.



Daniel Hedqvist

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Daniel has been sentenced to 10 months imprisonment for his role in an "open" action in which the activists turned themselves in voluntarily to the police after they had smashed up a chicken hatchery. The action saved the lives of 55,000 chickens by destroying equipment and the eggs of unborn chickens being bred for the industry.

Below is an excerpt from a letter that Daniel sent Bite Back.

It was on the night of April 27-28, 2003 that the three of us, Hanna, Johan and I, packed our car with tools and headed out into the chilly night of the Swedish countryside. We were all very excited, despite our long preparation. In the car with us were flashlights, sledge hammers, pliers, wrenches, gloves, protective goggles and other things that we were planning to use against the hatching machines of Gimranäs corporation. Gimranäs is the largest hatching company for egg-laying hens in Sweden, with about 80-90% of the market, and an annual capacity of close to 5 million chickens. Hens that is, the male chickens are not counted at all; they lay no eggs and are therefore worthless in the eyes of the industry. But for every hen that is hatched, a male chicken is hatched too, of course.

This means that one facility, not very big in actual size, breeds about 10 million chickens per year for the Swedish market. Half of these are of no value, and are killed as soon as they are identified as male, about two hours after hatching.

We thought we had ... to close down the Gimranäs plant entirely for as long as possible. If we would be able to shut it down for a week or a month, the

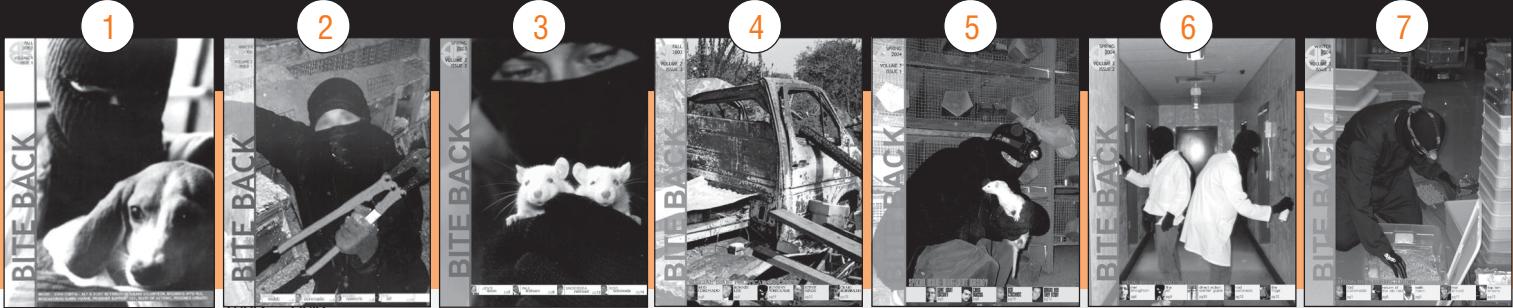
Prison isn't like all the horror stories you hear but on the same hand it isn't no holiday camp either - it's hard work, boredom eats at you every minute of the day, but luckily for me I received massive support from the animal rights movement, and in the time I spent at Winson Green I received close to 200 letters of support from all over the world, to say I'm thankful for this is an understatement at least. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart who took the time to write to me. For the time I spent in prison I kept my head down, and counted the days until I was free. I am now banned from the Staffordshire area for the rest of my life stopping me being a part of legal protests at Newchurch farm, I feel this is a total breach of my basic human rights. I may not be able to be at the farm in person but I'm there in spirit and still cannot wait for the day that the farm closes down and those animals imprisoned inside Newchurch get the freedom they so thoroughly deserve.

damage and disruption to the entire Swedish egg industry would have been gigantic.

Hanna and myself were dropped off at one of the buildings, and Johan went alone to a second one. We entered the building quite easily, but as we had suspected it had an alarm system. The second we smashed the window, we knew our time was running out. So we hurried as fast as we could into the plant. We had agreed before that we would not damage anything but the hatching machines, because there was a risk that there were live chickens still in the building. If we damaged the wrong things, like ventilation or heating, chickens might die in great pain. We finally found the machines, and started to take them out. Hanna and I had worked for about twenty minutes, and were heading back to the entrance to place a cake that we had baked for the employees there. This was a gesture from our side to show that it was the industry, we were principally opposed to, not the people who worked there. When we got to the entrance a man met us, and asked what we were doing. We immediately stopped what we were doing and dropped our hammers. For me and Hanna, the action was over. We waited with the man for the police. We were then placed under arrest. We later learned that Johan had never been caught, or interrupted in his work. He had gone home to Gothenburg after he was finished, and even had time to write a short report of the action on the internet, before he was arrested by plain clothes police officers.

After 72 hours we were all released from jail. Although we had not succeeded in closing the plant for as long as a week, we had at least prevented 55,000 chickens from being born into pain and abuse. The hatching industry in Sweden had for the first time met some resistance, and we all felt good about what we had done.

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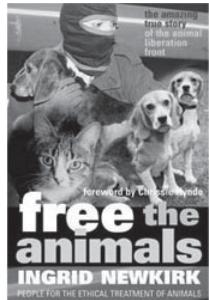
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